

SENATE No. 622

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen J. Buoniconti

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to community housing and senior centers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Stephen J. Buoniconti

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMMUNITY HOUSING AND SENIOR CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the definition of “rehabilitation” after the figure “68” the following:-

“With respect to community housing, rehabilitation shall also include repairs, maintenance and other improvements to the housing facilities needed to keep the facilities in good repair for the inhabitants.”

SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the definition of “community housing” the following:-

“and senior centers”.

SECTION 3. Subsection (b) of Section 5 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence of clause (2) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

“The community preservation committee shall make recommendations to the legislative body for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the acquisition, creation, preservation, support and rehabilitation of community housing which shall include the acquisition of land for the construction of senior centers and preservation, support and

- 15 maintenance for new or existing senior centers; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space land
- 16 for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section.”